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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

June 27, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated April 12, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows: